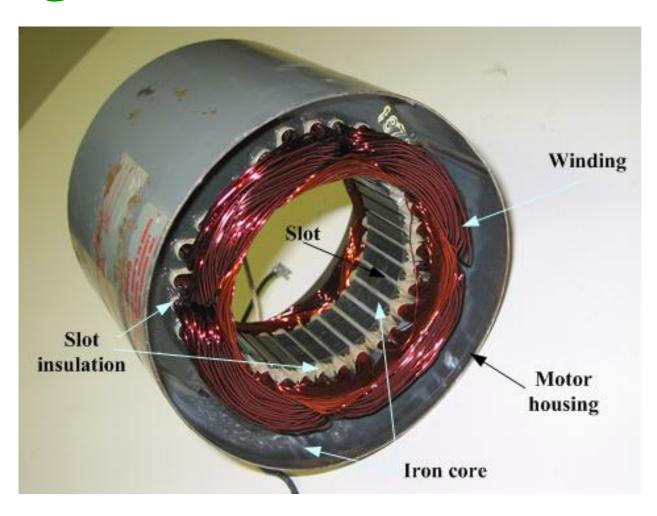
- The single-phase induction machine is the most frequently used motor for refrigerators, washing machines, clocks, drills, compressors, pumps, and so forth.
- The single-phase motor stator has a laminated iron core with two windings arranged perpendicularly.
 - One is the main and
 - The other is the auxiliary winding or *starting* winding



- This "single-phase"
 motors are truly twophase machines.
- The motor uses a squirrel cage rotor, which has a laminated iron core with slots.
- Aluminum bars are molded on the slots and short-circuited at both ends with a ring.

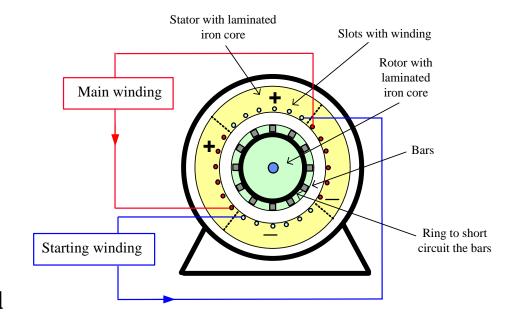


Figure 42 Single-phase induction motor.

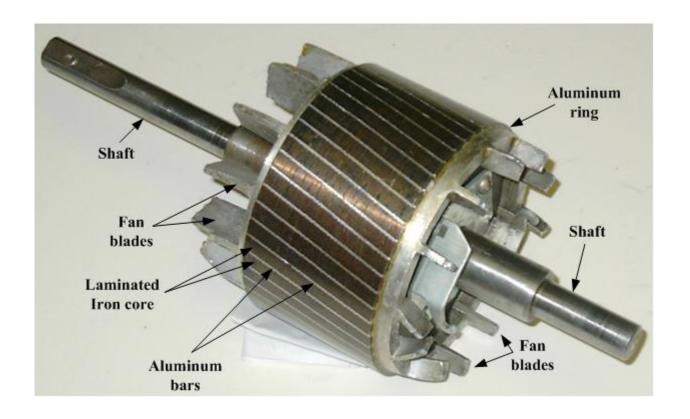


Figure 10 Squirrel cage rotor

Operating principle

- The single-phase induction motor operation can be described by two methods:
 - Double revolving field theory; and
 - Cross-field theory.
- Double revolving theory is perhaps the easier of the two explanations to understand
- Learn the double revolving theory only

Double revolving field theory

- A single-phase ac current supplies the main winding that produces a pulsating magnetic field.
- Mathematically, the pulsating field could be divided into two fields, which are rotating in opposite directions.
- The interaction between the fields and the current induced in the rotor bars generates opposing torque

- The interaction between the fields and the current induced in the rotor bars generates opposing torque.
- Under these conditions, with only the main field energized the motor will not start
- However, if an external torque moves the motor in any direction, the motor will begin to rotate.

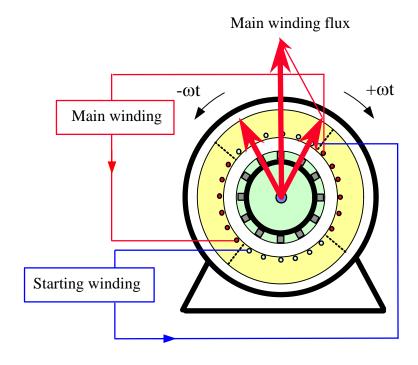


Figure 43 Single-phase motor main winding generates two rotating fields, which oppose and counter-balance one another.

Double revolving field theory

- The pulsating filed is divided a forward and reverse rotating field
- Motor is started in the direction of forward rotating field this generates small (5%) positive slip

$$s_{pos} = (n_{sy} - n_m) / n_{sy}$$

• Reverse rotating field generates a larger (1.95%) negative slip

$$s_{neg} = (n_{sy} + n_m) / n_{sy}$$

Double revolving field theory

• The three-phase induction motor starting torque inversely depends on the slip

$$T_{\text{m_start}}(s) := \frac{3 \cdot \left(\left|I_{\text{rot_t}}(s)\right|\right)^{2} \cdot \frac{R_{\text{rot_t}}}{s}}{2 \cdot \pi \cdot n_{\text{sy}}}$$

- This implies that a small positive slip (0.01–0.03) generates larger torque than a larger negative slip (1.95–1.99)
- This torque difference drives the motor continues to rotate in a forward direction without any external torque.

Double revolving field theory

- Each of the rotating fields induces a voltage in the rotor, which drives current and produces torque.
- An equivalent circuit, similar to the equivalent circuit of a three phase motor, can represent each field
- The parameters of the two circuits are the same with the exception of the slip.

Double revolving field theory

- The two equivalent circuits are connected in series.
- Figure 44 shows the equivalent circuit of a singlephase motor in running condition.
- The current, power and torque can be calculated from the combined equivalent circuit using the Ohm Law
- The calculations are demonstrated on a numerical example

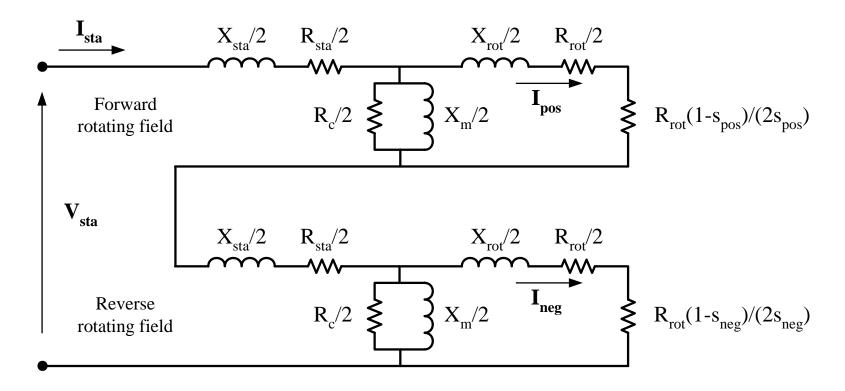


Figure 44 Equivalent circuit of a single-phase motor in running condition.

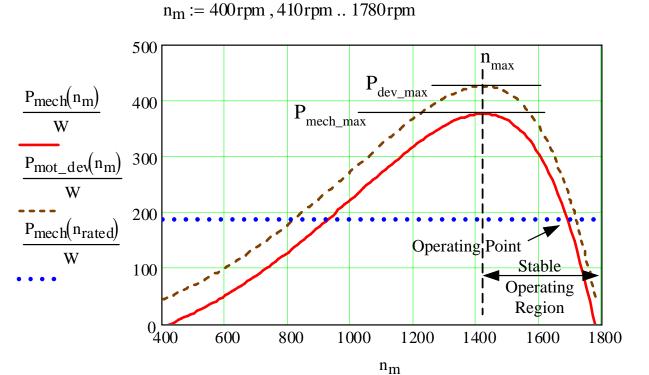
The results of the calculations are:

Input power:

$$\mathbf{S_{in}} = \mathbf{V_{sta}} \ \mathbf{I_{sta}^*}$$

Developed or output power:

$$P_{dev} = \left| \mathbf{I}_{pos} \right|^2 \frac{R_{rot}}{2} \frac{1 - S_{pos}}{S_{pos}} + \left| \mathbf{I}_{neg} \right|^2 \frac{R_{rot}}{2} \frac{1 - S_{neg}}{S_{neg}}$$



rpm

Figure 47 Single-phase motor mechanical output power and electrically developed power versus speed.

Starting torque

- The single-phase motor starting torque is zero because of the pulsating single-phase magnetic flux.
- The starting of the motor requires the generation of a rotating magnetic flux similar to the rotating flux in a three-phase motor.
- Two perpendicular coils that have currents 90° outof-phase can generate the necessary rotating magnetic fields which start the motor.
- Therefore, single-phase motors are built with two perpendicular windings.

- The phase shift is achieved by connecting
 - a resistance,
 - an inductance, or
 - a capacitance

in series with the starting winding.

 Most frequently used is a capacitor to generate the starting torque.

- Figure 50 shows the connection diagram of a motor using a capacitor to generate the starting torque.
- When the motor reaches the operating speed, a centrifugal switch turns off the starting winding.

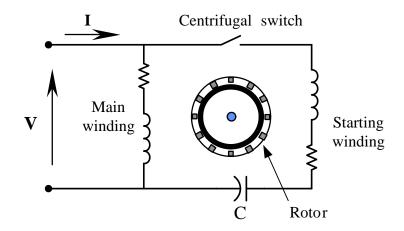


Figure 50 Single-phase motor connection.

- The centrifugal switch is necessary because most motors use a cheap electrolytic capacitor that can only carry ac current for a short period.
- A properly selected capacitor produces around 90° phase shift and large starting torque.

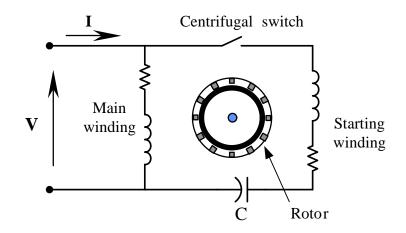
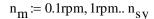


Figure 50 Single-phase motor connection.



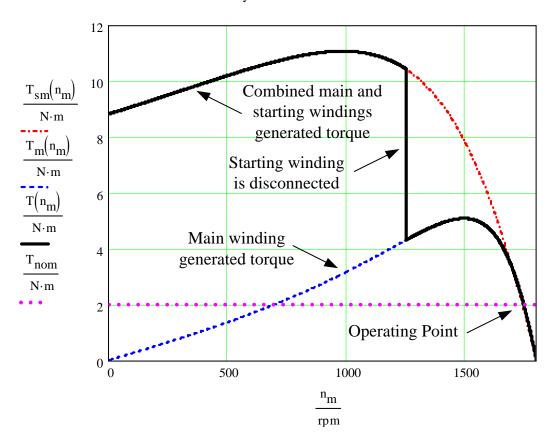


Figure 51
Torque–speed
characteristic of
a small singlephase induction
motor.

- A less effective but more economical method using shaded pole motors
- The motor has two salient poles excited by ac current.
- Each pole includes a small portion that has a shortcircuited winding. This part of the pole is called the shaded pole.
- The main winding produces a pulsating flux that links with the squirrel cage rotor.
- This flux induces a voltage in the shorted winding.

- The induced voltage produces a current in the shorted winding.
- This current generates a flux that opposes the main flux in the shaded pole (the part of the pole that carries the shorted winding).
- The result is that the flux in the unshaded and shaded parts of the pole will be unequal.
- Both the amplitude and the phase angle will be different.

- These two fluxes generate an unbalanced rotating field. The field amplitude changes as it rotates.
- Nevertheless this rotating field produces a torque, which starts the motor in the direction of the shaded pole.
- The starting torque is small but sufficient for fans and other household equipment requiring small starting torque.
- The motor efficiency is poor but it is cheap

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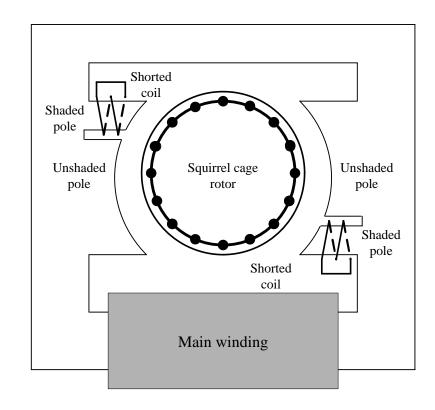


Figure 52 Concept of single-phase shaded pole motor.

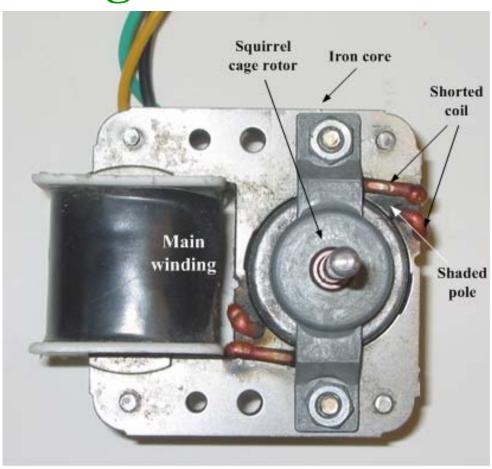


Figure 53
Shaded pole
motor for
household fan.